Mr. K. J. Antony.—And did he make a request or did the Superintendent of his own accord select him to this post?

President.—The Superintendent recommended that he may be given the allowance.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I recommended to the Government that he should be paid an extra allowance for this extra work.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Who was selected when the Head Clerk was transferred to another post or when he went out of office ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Head Accountant was selected.

President.—So this allowance was given to somebody previously.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is there any special reason to select this particular person for the Accountant's post ? Is there any other officer who has got a charge against him to be placed as Head Accountant ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I still considered, even with the existence of the charge against him, that he is qualified to do this extra work.

Inspectors in the Excise Department.

165. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) the number of (i) Christian, (ii) Brahmin and (iii) Nayar Inspectors that there were in the Excise Department when the present Superintendent took charge of it, and the respective number of such Inspectors under each of the above castes on 1st Thulam 1104;

(2) whether there is any particular reason for increasing the number of Brahmins in this grade of service;

(3) whether the appointment of the Brahmin Inspector of Trichur, about which there were serious adverse criticisms in this House, was not made purely as a temporary measure; and

(5) why permanent and more satisfactory arrangements were not made till now to replace this Inspector of Trichur who, before his elevation in this post, was only an aminadar twice degraded?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

(1)

		On 17th Medam 1099 when the present Superintendent took charge.	On 1st Thulam 1104.
1.	Christians	1	1
2.	Brahmins	4	6
3.	Nayars	2	nil

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(Note 1.—One Inspector was on leave and a Christian was acting for him.)

2. "Inspectors" include those in charge of the Distillery and Warehouse.

(2) No. The two Brahmins appointed were not fresh hands, but came to be promoted since they were the legitimate claimants. One of them is only temporary.

(3) Yes.

(4) The post, in which the present Inspector of Trichur acts, is only a temporary one and not permanent. Permanent arrangements were not, therefore, made. He was not replaced since it was considered inadvisable to do so in view of the impending re-organisation of the Department.

Grant of exemption from the rule regarding age-limit.

166. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who were given exemption from age-limit referred to in Rule 8 of the Cochin Standing Orders during the last three years;

(2) the names of those who were refused such exemption?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Vide appendix IV.*)

(2) So far as could be ascertained, there has been no case of refusal of such exemption.

Work of Mr. C. Govinda Menon, Plantation Ranger.

167. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was Mr. C. Govinda Menon first appointed Plantation Ranger.

(2) what is his pay;

(3) what are the names and extent of the areas where plantation was effected by him under his immediate charge and supervision;

(4) the number of trees (a) planted (b) at present existing, in each area under his immediate charge;

(5) the total amount spent for plantation in each area;

(6) the quantity of timber and fuel removed from each area before plantation was begun and the amount realised for the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) 1st Medam 1099.

(2) Rs. 100.

(3) to (6) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

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